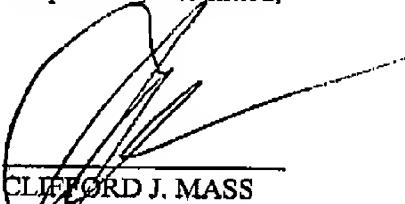


REMARKS

In the interview, Applicant's attorney proposes to discuss the proposed claims in connection with the rejections of record and, in particular, the rejections on the basis of the cited prior art references, Rogers and Nestor. The bearing surfaces of the clamping members in the cited references are not fixedly disposed with respect to the positioning plates shown therein and/or the fixed surfaces are oriented in a direction away from the positioning plates in whatever position the plates are disposed. With respect to new claim 91, neither of the cited references shows or suggests the recited bite member (see Fig. 2, reference numeral 45 for support), which prevents the patient from biting the tube which might result in obstruction of the airflow or damage of the tube (and thus leakage of air).

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